IV.—MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH QUESTION-HOUR ON THE 20TH JANUARY 1961.

DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIAR : Sir, I move—

' That this House resolves that, under rule 22 of the Madras Council Rules, the question-hour be dispensed with for this day only '.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : I second the motion, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

' That this House resolves that, under rule 22 of the Madras Council Rules, the question-hour be dispensed with for this day only '.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

V.—GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

PRESENTATION OF SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1960–61.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I rise to present the Second Supplementary Statement of demands for grants for further expenditure in 1960–61. The detailed explanatory statement is placed on the table of the House.

The supplementary demand before the House is for a total sum of Rs. 6.12 crores. Out of this, a demand of Rs. 2.59 crores is on the revenue account and a demand of Rs. 3·30 crores on the capital account and the balance of Rs. 23 lakhs under " Loans and Advances ".

The House is aware that we have been able to achieve the targets under all heads of development in the Second Plan and exceed some of them, largely on account of the continuous process of review and reappropriation, to meet the growing tempo of Plan outlay. The current year being the last year of the Second Plan, there is an increase in Plan expenditure under many heads and we have also to take up the preliminary work in respect of Third Plan schemes. This trend is reflected in the present supplementary estimates.

The District Boards other than Thanjavur are being given consolidated net cost grants for Primary and Secondary Education. On the basis of their actual requirements, it is now found that an additional amount of Rs. 40 lakhs for Primary Education and Rs. 35 lakhs for Secondary Education is required. Similar net cost grants have to be given for the first batch of 75 Panchayat Unions for Primary Education and a sum of Rs. 40 lakhs has been asked for, for this purpose. Members would have participated in the inauguration of the first batch of 75 Panchayat Unions on 2nd October 1960. This is a major reform for which only a token amount had been provided under various heads while finalising the budget. The present supplementary demand includes a provision of Rs. 21 lakhs for the construction of buildings to house the offices and meeting halls of the first batch of 75 Panchayat Unions in the current year. A Block Planning Officer has been sanctioned